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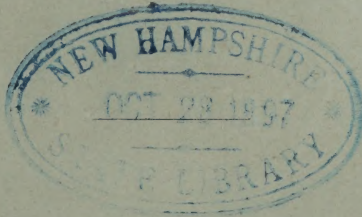
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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*To the Auditors of the town of Epping:*

In conformity with the laws of the State, we hereby submit our report of the receipts and expenditures of the town, and also a statement of the town debt, for the year ending March 1, 1879.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, after auditing,

March 1, 1878. . . . .	\$684 21
Uncollected taxes for the year 1875, . . . . .	4 80
Uncollected taxes for the year 1876, . . . . .	159 93
Uncollected taxes for the year 1877, . . . . .	2245 91
List of Taxes assessed and committed to	
Benjamin Johnson for collection, . . . . .	9221 66
Received of State, railroad tax, . . . . .	186 53
Received of State, savings-bank tax, . . . . .	473 96
Received of State, literary fund, . . . . .	88 80
Received of County, for support of poor, . . . . .	243 55
Hired of sundry persons, . . . . .	10,316 36
	<hr/> \$23,625 71

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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid County Treasurer County Tax . . . . .	\$1938 13
State " " " . . . . .	1416 00
Notes and interest . . . . .	12,448 77



## PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$575 18
District No. 2,	88 46
District No. 3,	136 18
District No. 4,	125 42
District No. 5,	155 00
District No. 6,	132 84
District No. 7,	151 36
John A. Wiggin's tax,	6 55
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	\$1370 99
District No. 5, School-house tax, '76,	10 64
District No. 6, School-house tax, '77,	12 14
District No. 2, School-house tax, '77,	619 86
District No. 2, School house tax, '78,	90 00
Non-resident labor,	60 54
Selectmen's services last year,	20 00

Charles E. Folsom, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, in and out of town:

1878.

March 16, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	\$1 00
20, journey to Exeter on town business,	1 75
21, $\frac{1}{2}$ day with G. N. Shepard, surveying road at Epping Corner,	1 00
26, journey to Corner and Langley's, in regard to appointment of Town Clerk,	1 50
29, journey to Raymond on pauper case,	1 00
30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
April 1, 1 day taking inventory,	1 75
2, 1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	2 50

April	3, 1 day taking inventory and attending jury meeting, . . .	\$2 25
	8, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	9, $\frac{1}{2}$ " " . . .	1 00
	12, 1 " " . . .	1 75
	13, 1 " " . . .	1 75
	15, journey to Exeter on town business, . . .	2 00
	16, 1 day filling invoice book, . . .	1 75
	17, 1 day casting invoice, . . .	1 75
	18, 1 day making taxes, . . .	1 75
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$ day with G. N. Shepard, surveying Pike road, . . .	1 00
	23, 1 day making taxes and enrollment, . . .	1 75
	24, 1 day making taxes, . . .	1 75
	27, 1 day filling surveyor's books, . . .	1 75
	29, $\frac{1}{2}$ day filling surveyors' books, . . .	1 00
May	4, journey to Diamond hill road, . . .	1 00
	11, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	14, self and horse delivering surveyors' books, . . .	2 00
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$ day filling collector's book, . . .	1 00
	22, 1 day filling collector's book, . . .	1 75
	23, 1 day filling collector's book, . . .	1 75
	24, journey to Langley's, . . .	1 00
June	1, journey to Watchie to buy gravel pit, . . .	1 00
	3 & 4, journey to Raymond and County Farm with Richard Carroll, . . .	2 50
	10, 11, 12, recording invoice and taxes, . . .	5 00
	27, journey to Exeter to pay county tax, . . .	2 00
Aug.	2 & 3, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days making school tax, . . .	2 75



Sept.	19, 20, 21, copying invoice for county commissioners, . . .	\$4 00
	30, 1 day self and horse with county commissioners, . . .	3 00
Oct.	1, attending jury meeting, . . .	50
	18, 1 day making check-list, . . .	1 75
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	25, perambulating Nottingham line, . . .	2 00
Nov.	2, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	5, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	7, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, . . .	1 00
	8, perambulating Lee line, . . .	2 00
	9, journey to Raymond and Fremont, . . .	1 50
	11, perambulating Brentwood line	2 00
	16, perambulating Raymond and Fremont line, . . .	2 00
	23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	Dec. 7, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
Dec.	11, journey and expenses to Concord to pay State tax, . . .	3 50
	12, 1 day on town business, . . .	1 75
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	28, 1 day revising jury list, and other business, . . .	1 75
	1879.	
Jan.	4, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	8, attending jury meeting, . . .	50
	14, 1 day on Bachelor case, . . .	1 75
	16, journey to Exeter, . . .	1 75
	18, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . .	1 00
	27, 1 day on town business, . . .	1 75
	28, journey to Exeter to get pauper claims allowed, and expenses, . . .	2 50



Feb.	1, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	\$1 00
	7, journey to Mrs. Shannon's,	1 00
	12, journey to Exeter,	2 50
	15, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	22, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	27, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	28, 1 day making report to auditors,	1 75
		<hr/> \$108 75

Orlando S. Langley, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, in and out of town :

1878.

March	2, $\frac{1}{2}$ day with Auditors,	\$1 00
	9, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
	12, $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1 00
	16, $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1 00
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1 00
	30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
April	1, 1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	3 00
	2, 1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	3 00
	3, 1 day taking inventory, self and horse,	3 00
	8, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	9, $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1 00
	12, 1 " " "	1 75
	13, 1 " " "	1 75
	20, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self and horse, on town business,	1 50
May	11, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	1 00
	14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self and horse, on town business,	1 50
	25, care of tramp,	75

June	10, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, . . . .	\$1 00
	14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Diamond Hill bridge, . .	1 00
	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self and horse, on town business, . . . . .	1 50
Sept.	16, journey to see County Commis- sioner, . . . . .	2 00
	19, self and horse on town busi- ness, . . . . .	2 00
	20, self and horse on town busi- ness, . . . . .	2 50
Oct.	1, 1 day, self and horse, with Coun- ty Commissioners, . . . .	3 00
	11, $\frac{1}{2}$ day perambulating town line, .	1 00
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
Nov.	2, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
	5, 1 day in session, . . . . .	2 00
	8, $\frac{1}{2}$ day perambulating Lee line, .	1 00
	9, $\frac{1}{2}$ day perambulating town line, .	1 00
	23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
Dec.	7, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
	25, journey to county farm with T. Caswell, . . . . .	1 50
	28, 1 day revising jury list, and oth- er business, . . . . .	2 00
1879.		
Jan.	4, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
	18, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
Feb.	4, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, self and horse, . . . . .	1 50
	15, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
	22, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
	26, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, . . . .	1 00
	27, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00

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 \$60 25



John G. Ordway, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, in and out of town.

1878.

Mar.	16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	\$1 00
	20,	Journey to Exeter on town business with C. E. Folsom,	2 50
	21,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day with G. N. Shepard, surveying road,	1 00
	25,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
	30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House,	1 00
April,	1, 2 & 3,	3 days taking inventory,	9 00
		Attending jury meeting,	50
	8 & 9,	$2\frac{1}{2}$ days in session,	2 00
	12,	1 day at Town House,	1 75
	13,	1 day at Town House,	1 75
May	3,	$\frac{2}{3}$ day examining bridges,	1 25
	10,	journey to Exeter to see County Commissioners,	2 00
	11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day filling surveyors warrants,	1 00
	24,	journey to Langley's with C. E. Folsom,	1 50
June	1,	journey to West Epping, and thence to Brentwood line to purchase gravel pit,	1 25
	14,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
Aug.	15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in relation to T. Caswell,	1 00
	24,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day examining bridges,	1 00
Sept.	6,	journey to consult County Commissioners in relation to T. Caswell,	1 25
	11,	journey to T. Caswell's and services in relation to Sullivan family,	2 00
	28,	journey to Exeter in relation to Bachelder suit,	2 00

Sept.	30, 1 day self and horse with County Commissioners, . . . .	3 00
Oct.	1, 1 day self and horse with County Commissioners, . . . .	3 00
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house, . . . .	1 00
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, . . . .	1 00
	25, 1 day perambulating Nottingham line, . . . . .	1 75
Nov.	2, $\frac{1}{2}$ day revising check-list, . . . .	1 00
	9, journey to Exeter on town business, . . . . .	2 00
	11, perambulating Brentwood line, . . . . .	2 00
	12, journey to County Farm with Morris children, . . . . .	1 75
	16, perambulating Raymond and Fremont lines, . . . . .	1 75
	23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House with Selectmen, . . . . .	1 00
	25, services in relation to burying Fredette child, and digging grave for same, . . . . .	3 00
	29, journey to Mrs. Shannon's, . . . . .	1 00
Dec.	5, services to procure bond in relation to T. Caswell, as per order County Commissioners, and journey Elbridge N. Doe's, . . . . .	2 00
	7, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session, . . . . .	1 00
	10, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at my house on town business, . . . . .	1 50
	11, services in relation to highways, . . . . .	1 00
	24, wood for lobby, . . . . .	2 00
	journey to C. E. Felsom's on town business, . . . . .	75



Dec.	28,	1 day revising jury list and other business and Selectmens' expenses,	\$2 50
	30,	journey to Mrs. Shannon's with supplies,	75
		journey to Joshua Wiggin's in relation to repairing highway,	75
Jan.	4,	journey to Exeter to consult Judge Wiggin,	2 00
	6,	journey to Boar's-head (so called) in relation to Mrs. Fredette, a pauper,	75
	11,	journey to C. E. Folsom's on town business,	75
	14,	1 day in relation to Bachelder suit,	1 75
	15,	journey to Exeter with C. E. Folsom to see Wiggin & Frink in regard to suit,	2 00
	18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
	22,	services in relation to Bachelder suit,	1 00
	23,	journey to Mrs. Shannon's with supplies, thence to C. E. Folsom's	1 00
Feb.	1,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
	8,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " " "	1 00
	15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " " "	1 00
	17,	journey to Exeter on town business,	2 00
	22,	1 day at town house,	1 75
	26,	journey to Mrs. Shannon's,	75
			<hr/> \$91 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Geo. S. Rundlett, labor on drain, . . .	\$2 50
D. W. Nason, labor on road, . . .	5 50
Stephen Bly, labor on road, . . .	6 00
Daniel Sanborn, labor on fence, and lumber for same, . . .	5 30
Eben Kennerson, labor and lumber, . . .	1 15
D. D. Langley, labor on Diamond hill road, . . .	20 00
Eben Kennerson, labor on road, . . .	6 17
Calvin Smith, labor on Diamond hill road, . . .	10 50
James H. Lock, labor on culvert, . . .	2 00
Albert P. Godfrey, labor on bridge, . . .	3 00
Joseph Beaulieu, stone and labor, . . .	9 25
Arthur D. Ladd, labor on road, . . .	1 50
John G. Mallard, labor on road, 1877, . . .	12 50
Calvin Smith, labor on road, . . .	1 87
Joshua Wiggin, labor on road and bridge, . . .	32 50
John H. Pike, bridge plank, . . .	24 24
Charles W. Bean, labor on road, . . .	15 00
Daniel Shannon, labor on road, . . .	2 00
Thomas Taylor, labor on road, . . .	1 50
D. D. Langley, labor on road, . . .	2 00
Geo. W. Ordway, labor and lumber, . . .	21 18
Henry Leach, plank and stringers, . . .	30 80
Henry Leach, labor on road, . . .	3 00
John S. Boody, " " . . .	3 50
C. S. Burnham, " " . . .	9 75
C. S. Burnham, stone for culvert and labor, . . .	5 25
Geo. K. Perkins, labor on road, . . .	5 50
Robert Beals, " " " . . .	1 50
Stephen Heath, " " bridges, . . .	3 00



Paid George W. Hopkinson, labor on bridges and material, . . . .	\$8 49
C. F. Purington, cutting bushes side of road, . . . . .	10 13
J. H. Pike, gravel, . . . . .	4 90
C. A. & H. W. Miles, bridge plank, .	7 25
John Leddy, nails and spikes, . . .	45
J. M. Godfrey, labor on bridge, . .	6 88
J. G. Mallard, labor on Diamond hill and other roads, . . . . .	25 47
Benjamin Johnson, labor on Diamond hill and other roads, . . . . .	24 47
John Q. Edgerly, labor on road, . .	1 69
Wm. L. Plumer, damage to plow, . .	6 00
R. B. Dame, labor on road, . . . .	6 50
M. V. Fogg, " " . . . . .	5 89
J. F. Knight, " " . . . . .	4 00
David Edgerly, " " 1877, . . . . .	9 12
J. B. Page, " " . . . . .	9 00
T. Hopkinson, " " . . . . .	13 50
T. Hopkinson, plank, . . . . .	2 65
A. T. Rundlett, gravel, . . . . .	5 60
Joseph Quint, gravel, . . . . .	1 50
C. F. Edgerly, covering stone, . . .	1 25
J.L.Folsom, bridge plank and stringer	93 31
Jesse R. Miles, labor on road, . . .	2 25
John Sinclair, labor on road, . . . .	1 65
W. F. Durgin, labor on road, . . . .	1 50
W. R. Bunker, iron work and spikes,	5 50
Geo. N. Shepard, nails and spikes, .	28
John S. Hook, labor on road, . . . .	4 50
J. L. Folsom, bridge timber, . . . .	17 76
E. C. Brown, bridge plank, . . . . .	72 00
E. K. Jenness, labor on road, . . . .	1 74
J. H. Bly, labor on road, . . . . .	4 44

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\$607 63

## CARE OF TRAMPS.

Paid James H. Lock, care of tramps,	. \$15 25
James H. Lock, care of tramps,	. 10 50
James H. Lock, care of tramps,	. 2 00
Frank E. Bean, care of tramps,	. 22 25
Frank E. Bean, care of tramps,	. 15 75
W. R. Bunker, supplies for tramps,	. 7 42

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\$73 17

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid D. D. Cook, breaking roads, 1877-78,	\$9 59
John Dow's heirs, " '76-77,	7 00
Samuel Plumer, " "	4 50
T. Hopkinson, " "	2 50
Nathan Perkins, " "	2 90
Albert G. Barber, " "	2 80
Geo. K. Perkins, " "	4 87
John S. Boody, " "	4 11
John H. Boody, " "	3 92
John A. Wiggin, " "	5 47
Geo. N. Johnson, " "	1 68
A. W. Lock, " "	2 83
D. D. Langley, " "	13 50
B. S. Clifford, " "	5 35
C. F. Edgerly, " "	7 03
Geo. R. Stevens, " "	8 23
Joseph Quint, " "	1 12
E. K. Jenness, " "	4 72
J. B. Gould, " "	75
J. F. Davis, " "	3 42

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\$96 29



## SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid State Reform School board Geo. H.

Ham, . . . . .	\$46 29	
Burnham & Spaulding, medical attendance T. Caswell and others, . . . . .	4 75	
F. W. Spaulding, medical attendance, . . . . .	33 75	
John Leddy, supplies furnished P. Hanson, . . . . .	30 25	
John Leddy, supplies furnished Betsy Shannon, . . . . .	2 00	
John Leddy, supplies furnished Jerry Sullivan, . . . . .	44 00	
Geo. N. Shepard, supplies furnished Betsy Emerson, . . . . .	52 00	
Geo. B. Brown, supplies furnished T. Caswell, . . . . .	1 69	
Geo. B. Brown, supplies furnished Betsy Shannon, . . . . .	11 43	
Geo. B. Brown, supplies furnished Mrs. H. Fredette, . . . . .	3 14	
John L. True, supplies furnished Jesse R. Miles, . . . . .	2 00	
F. Ham, coffin for Fredette child, . . . . .	6 00	
John G. Ordway, car fare transient persons, . . . . .	3 25	
C. E. Folsom, car fare transient persons, . . . . .	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$242 05

## BOUNTY ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

Paid bounty on 8 foxes, . . . . .	\$4 00	
“ “ 46 hawks, . . . . .	9 20	
	<hr/>	\$13 20

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Wiggin & Fernald, fees and services, Pike road case, . . . .	\$79 75
Albert R. Hatch, fees and charges, . . . .	
Lane v. Epping, . . . . .	75 00
Robert Beals, labor on Town House, . . . .	4 50
Robert Beals, care of Town House, '77 . . . .	10 00
Geo. S. Rundlett, wood for lobby, . . . .	1 87
Mercer Goodrich, stationery, . . . . .	2 00
Geo. E. Lane, invoice books, etc., . . . .	4 75
Campbell & Hanscom, printing town reports, . . . . .	30 00
Caleb F. Edgerly, services as auditor, . . . .	3 00
John G. Ordway, services as auditor, . . . .	3 00
John G. Ordway, damage by dogs, . . . . .	10 00
Daniel Dow, damage by dogs, . . . . .	3 00
L. J. Gibbs, returning births and deaths, . . . . .	8 25
W. H. Bailey, watering pot, . . . . .	75
B. W. Sanborn & Co., check-lists and warrants, . . . . .	95
Kelley & Gardner, locks for lobby, . . . .	1 20
Geo. E. Lane, invoice book, . . . . .	75
J. H. Lock, labor on lobby, and washing blankets, . . . . .	6 00
F. E. Bean, labor on lobby, . . . . .	1 50
F. E. Bean, services as constable, . . . . .	3 00
J. H. Lock, services as constable, . . . . .	3 00
Geo. W. Kendall, services as constable, . . . . .	3 00
J. P. Sanborn, services with hearse, . . . .	32 00
Bean & Tilton, ballot box, . . . . .	2 00
C. W. Sanborn, printing, . . . . .	4 12
A. T. Rundlett, Fogg donation to ministry, . . . . .	6 00

Paid Morrill & Silsby, indexes, . . . . .	\$1 00
C. E. Folsom, padlock for jury box, . . . . .	25
C. A. Miles, fees surveying plank, . . . . .	73
Geo. W. Weston, recording deed, . . . . .	70
Geo. E. Lane, blank warrants, . . . . .	20
N. Goldsmith, Jr., repairs at Town House, . . . . .	60
B. Johnson, wood for Town House, . . . . .	4 50
W. H. Tilton, services as constable, . . . . .	6 00
C. G. Conner, copy of record of roads, . . . . .	1 00
Geo. E. Lane, binding volume of old records, . . . . .	3 50
C. E. Folsom, express, postage and Stationery, . . . . .	3 60
Geo. N. Shepard, perambulating town lines, . . . . .	3 50
Geo. N. Shepard, surveying road and making plan and profile of same, . . . . .	10 00
T. C. Folsom, services as auditor, 1876-'77, . . . . .	4 00
T. C. Folsom, fees surveying plank, . . . . .	93
Geo. F. Ordway, care of Town House and repairing same, . . . . .	12 00
H. B. Burnham and F. W. Spaulding services as Superintending School Committee, . . . . .	40 00
Geo. B. Brown, land for gravel pit, . . . . .	20 00
C. E. Folsom, services Town Treasurer, . . . . .	35 00
Benjamin Johnson, services Collector . . . . .	100 00
Cyrus H. Knox, services Town Clerk . . . . .	40 00

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 \$588 90



Sundry abatements for the year 1875.	\$4 80
“ “ “ 1876,	89 00
“ “ “ 1877,	76 43
“ “ “ 1878,	63 90
Taxes uncollected for the year 1876,	30 35
“ “ “ 1877,	33 96
“ “ “ 1878,	2410 49
Cash in hands of C. E. Folsom, Treasurer,	1049 27
	<hr/> \$23,625 71

### TOWN DEBT.

Notes held against the town, March 1,	
1878,	\$19,747 02
Interest on the same,	1596 84
	<hr/> \$21,343 86
Taxes uncollected for the year 1876,	\$30 35
“ “ “ 1877,	33 96
“ “ “ 1878,	2410 49
Cash in hands of C. Folsom, Treasurer,	1049 27
	<hr/> \$3524 07
Total indebtedness,	\$17,819 79
Town debt as reported by Auditors, March 1, 1878,	18,940 60
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Reduction of town debt the past year,	\$1120 81

CHARLES E. FOLSOM,

ORLANDO S. LANGLEY,

JOHN G. ORDWAY,

*Selectmen of Epping.*

Epping, N. H., March 1, 1879.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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*To the Auditors of the town of Epping :*

I hereby present the following report for the year ending March 1, 1879.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, March 1,	
1878, . . . . .	\$684 21
Balance in hands of L. J. Holt, Collector	
1876, . . . . .	40 58
Balance in hands of Benjamin Johnson,	
Collector 1877, . . . . .	2135 52
Received of Benjamin Johnson, Col. 1878,	6747 27
Hired of sundry persons, . . . . .	10,316 36
Received of State, Railroad tax, . . . . .	186 53
Received of State, Savings Bank tax, . . . . .	473 96
Received of State, Literary Fund, . . . . .	88 80
Received of State, County support of poor	243 55
	—————\$20,916 78

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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid notes and interest, . . . . .	\$12,448 77
Geo. E. Lane, County Tax, . . . . .	1,938 13
Solon A. Carter, State Tax, . . . . .	1,416 00
For schools, . . . . .	1,370 99

Paid School-house Tax, District No. 5,	10 64
“ “ “ “ 6,	12 14
“ “ “ “ 2,	619 86
“ “ “ “ 2,	90 00
Non-resident labor,	60 54
Selectmen's services last year,	20 00
Selectmen's services this year,	260 00
Roads and bridges,	607 63
Care of tramps,	73 17
Breaking roads,	96 29
Supplies and support of poor,	242 05
Bounty on foxes and hawks,	13 20
Miscellaneous bills,	588 90
Cash to balance,	1,049 27
	<hr/> \$20,916 78

Epping, March 1st, 1879.

CHARLES E. FOLSOM,  
*Town Treasurer.*

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, having examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, find them correctly cast, with proper vouchers.

We have also examined a memorandum of notes kept by the Treasurer, and find the town indebtedness as follows ;

Notes held by sundry persons,	\$19,747 02
Interest on the same,	1596 84
Amount of indebtedness,	<hr/> \$21,343 86
Cash in hands of L. J. Holt, Collector	
for 1876,	\$30 35
Cash in hands of B. Johnson, Collector	
for 1877,	33 96
Cash in hands of B. Johnson, Collector	
for 1878,	2410 49



Cash in hands of C. E. Folsom, Treas- urer, . . . . .	\$1049 27	
	<hr/>	\$3524 07
Total indebtedness, . . . . .		\$17,819 79
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Decrease of town debt, . . . . .		\$1120 81
Epping, March 1, 1878.		

EBEN K. JENNESS,  
CALEB F. EDGERLY,  
*Auditors.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The school year, just closed, has been one of fair prosperity, when considered with the disadvantages to which some of our schools have been subjected. Several of the schools suffered a temporary suspension of two or three weeks during the summer session, while epidemics of scarlet fever and measles were prevailing. This interruption of study and effort not only affected the general average attendance but the interest of many in their work, as well; for we noticed, in some schools, that neither teacher nor scholars regained the interest manifested previous to the suspension; a matter partly attributable, on the part of the teacher, to the inconstant and diminished attendance of the pupils.

The large number of "days of absence," as shown by the several registers, is largely due to the necessary suspension; and we rejoice in presenting so reasonable a cause for such an unflattering absence, one so ruinous to the desired progress and success of our schools.

We fear, however, from careful observation that other causes have combined in affecting the average attendance, principal among which is the censurable lack of interest, by some parents, in securing for their children all the advantages which our common schools afford.

It is a false kindness to a child to allow him to remain from school upon every excuse which his indolent and truant disposition will invent; when thus excused his excuses will multiply,

until his presence in the schoolroom becomes the exception and not the rule.

We are more and more convinced of the importance of establishing a school of higher grade than any now in town. We should have a good high school for the benefit of those of our youth preparing for college, and those wishing to pursue studies not taught in our common schools. More of our oldest and best scholars would endeavor to obtain a better education were there facilities for doing so in town, and thus avoid the expense of several terms or years of study in neighboring towns.

Very few of our scholars, the past year, have studied algebra, still less, philosophy and physiology, and none geometry, chemistry, botany and rhetoric. A knowledge of these branches of learning, though rudimentary, is of worth to any one, and quite indispensable to those intending to teach or to enter professional life. We should have a school in which all these branches and the languages can be taught. We are suffering yearly, in that which best promotes the varied interests and general prosperity of society in its moral and intellectual growth, from the want of such a school in town. General intelligence militates against pauperism, crime and intemperance; and schools can be more cheaply sustained than jails and almshouses. Years ago, high schools were well supported in town. Why can they not be now?

Why permit this impolitic retrogradation in education to continue longer to our injury? Why cannot some movement be inaugurated that shall make available at once the income of the Ladd donation in the support of a school of high character?

A new school house has been built in District No. 2, at a cost of \$512; the land on which it stands being the generous and commendable gift of Wm. H. Hodgdon to the district. The house is pleasantly located, having a spacious yard for a playground. The general exterior of the house is that of beauty and neatness, while the school room is well-lighted and ventilated, pleasant and commodious. The house, though large enough at present to accommodate the wants of the district,



should have been larger to provide for its possible future requirements.

We cannot too strongly urge upon the residents of District No. 5 the immediate necessity of building a new school-house. The old house is now not large enough to comfortably seat the scholars, besides being unfit in every particular for the purposes of a school-room. You cannot well afford to neglect this matter longer. It is an insult and an injury to both teacher and pupils to compel them to spend several hours each day in a school-room so inconvenient and forbidding.

The new State map just published by J. A. Cline & Co., has been purchased and a copy will be placed in each school-room in town, at the opening of the next terms. This is a map of superior excellence; and we trust all the pupils of our schools will acquaint themselves thoroughly with the geography of our state, county and town in their physical features, as well as locality.

The Prudential Committees throughout the town were exceptionally fortunate in their selection of teachers. Female teachers were employed in all the schools. All had taught, several having taught the same schools previously; an advantage to a school not to be slightly disregarded, for when a teacher has once learned the classification of a school, the dispositions of its pupils, their mental capacities and methods of study, the progress of the scholars is more satisfactory than when changing teachers every term or two. Our teachers have proved themselves earnest, conscientious and efficient in their work.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Primary school. Two terms of eleven and fourteen weeks were taught by Miss Hattie Chase, who manifested a commendable zeal in her care and instruction of this important class of our scholars. The order and progress of the school was satisfactory. Per centage of daily attendance, first term, 72; second term, 78.

Grammar School. Three terms of eleven, fourteen and eleven weeks respectively, were taught by Miss Cheney, who maintained her previous reputation of being a first-class teacher. Her classes showed, upon examination, that they had received thorough and practical instruction, and seemed masters of the principles studied. The introduction of some rhetorical exercises increased the interest in the school, and was a means of improvement to the scholars. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 81 ; second term, 93 ; third term, 94.

This school-room should have new seats and benches ; several chairs are now used instead of the original seats, which do not give the room an appearance of pleasing uniformity. The new benches should be single.

The house needs some repairs ; the roof leaks badly, and must be resingled.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Two terms of five and nine weeks were taught by Miss Lane. This school, in their new and pleasant school room, presented an attractive appearance. Both teacher and pupils were heartily engaged in their work. Miss Lane's method of instruction was comprehensive and thorough. The progress of her scholars for the length of the time was unusually good. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 97 ; second term, 92.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Two terms of ten, and nine and three-fifths weeks were taught by Miss Lothrop. This is the smallest school in town, yet it contains some of our brightest and best scholars for their ages. Miss Lothrop is precise and faithful in her instruction. The word method of teaching young scholars to read was employed with most gratifying success ; scholars learning to read in sentences in less than half the time than when taught in the old alphabetical manner.

Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 95 ; second term, 89.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

There were two terms of nine and eight weeks, both taught by Miss Plumer.

This school, under the judicious and excellent management of Miss Plumer, for several terms, has become one of the best in town. In her instruction no point in the lesson is superficially passed over, and if obscure is dwelt upon until comprehended by the dullest intellect. Not confined to text-books, she presents any information relating to the lesson which may help fix it in the memory. She has fairly earned the reputation of being a superior teacher, and is worthy of a larger school.

Per centage of daily attendance, first term, 91 ; second term, 94.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Two terms of eight and ten weeks were taught by Miss Jenness, who fully sustained her former reputation of being one of our most practical, thorough and zealous teachers. She awakens an interest of her pupils in their studies, and holds them in it through the term. This is manifest from the fact that the school, though convened in the poorest school-room in town, and its scholars walking long distances, gives the highest per centage of attendance of any in town. The final examination of the school was commendable.

Per centage of daily attendance, first term, 97 ; second term, 94.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

There were two terms of six and nine weeks, both taught by Miss Nichols. From her long experience in teaching and thorough consecration to the work, coupled with rare qualifications for it, Miss Nichols is justly regarded as a superior teacher. We regret that we are to lose the services of so valuable a teacher. This school contains the most advanced pupils of any in town. The final examination was highly creditable to both



teacher and pupils. Per centage of daily attendance, first term, 83 ; second term, 92.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

There were two terms of nine and ten weeks. Miss S. Abbie Norris commenced the first term, but was obliged to relinquish the school, by reason of failing health, after teaching two weeks. The school was opening favorably. Miss Emma Jones finished the term and also taught the second. The order of her school was faultless. The school being large and ungraded, there were necessarily many classes. The progress of the school was fair, considered with the disadvantage of its numerous classes. This school gives the second best per centage of attendance, a most gratifying improvement in this respect within a few terms. Per centage of daily attendance, first term, 94 ; second term, 96.

The whole amount of money raised by the town

for the support of schools was,	\$1269 62
Amount of Literary Fund,	88 80
Fogg donation,	6 00

Which was divided as follows :

District No. 1,	\$575 18
No. 2,	82 46
No. 3,	136 18
No. 4,	125 42
No. 5,	154 98
No. 6,	132 84
No. 7,	151 36

Fogg donation was given to District. No. 2.

Number of children between the ages of four and seventeen  
as given by the Selectmen, April 1, 1878 :

Number of male children, . . . . .	124
Number of female children, . . . . .	119
Total number, . . . . .	— 243

H. B. BURNHAM,

F. W. SPAULDING,

*Superintending School Committee.*

Epping, March 1, 1879.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of terms. Grammar school.	Primary school.	Names of Teachers.	Length of school in weeks of five days.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attend ance.	No. scholars not attending any school.	No. visits of the Superintending School Com.	No. visits of Pru- dential Com.	No. visits of oth- er citizens.	No. dismissals.	No. times tardy.	Wages per month with board.
1	1	1	Lennie C. Cheney.....	11	34	25.59		6	2	7	15	15	\$38 00
	2	1	Lennie C. Cheney.....	14	38	33.98		6	1	63	5	13	38 00
	3	1	Lennie C. Cheney.....	11	38	33.49		6	2	8	10	10	40 00
	1	1	Hattie Chase.....	11	49	34	7	3		5	15	43	32 00
	2	1	Hattie Chase.....	14	44	32	12	4	1	7	8	33	32 00
2	1		Clara A. Lane.....	5	13	12.69		2		4	2	4	24 00
	2		Clara A. Lane.....	9	14	12.78		3		6	5	9	24 00
3	1		Emma Lothrop.....	10	10	8.15		3		6	1		26 00
	2		Emma Lothrop.....	9.60	11	9.33	1	3		11	2	6	28 00
4	1		Sarah L. Plumer.....	9	22	18		3		5	1	17	28 25
	2		Sarah L. Plumer.....	8	22	18		3		2	3	15	23 25
5	1		Clara A. Jenness.....	8	41	38		2		9	2	6	34 00
	2		Clara A. Jenness.....	10	38	34		3	1	30	3	8	34 00
6	1		Alice S. Nichols.....	6	21	18.50		2		5		11	30 00
	2		Alice S. Nichols.....	9	28	25.30		3		59	3	4	30 00
7	1		S. Abbie Norris and Emma Jones.....	9	45	39.74	3	3		8		8	30 00
	2		Emma Jones.....	10	49	45.83	3	3		36		12	32 00













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